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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EFFORT BY SYRIA'S MISSILE PROGRAM TO
OBTAIN HIGH-SPEED CAMERA: SWISS FIRM RECEIVES SUSPICIOUSLY
SIMILAR QUERY FROM FIRM IN JORDAN

REF: A. BERN 279
[1](#)B. STATE 68231

Classified By: Acting POLE Counselor Chris Buck; reasons 1.4(b), (c), and (d).

[1](#)1. (S) On July 27, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) Head of Export Control Licensing Division Juergen Boehler contacted acting POLE counselor to report additional information he thought potentially relevant to the recent possible effort by Syria's missile program to obtain a high-speed camera (reftels). Boehler underlined that the Swiss firm, AOS Technologies, had been very cooperative with SECO, informing SECO of the original query regarding a high-speed camera (reftel A) and agreeing with SECO's denial decision. (Note: Boehler said that the GoS subsequently has informed all MTCR partners of the denial. End Note) According to Boehler, AOS Technologies recently informed SECO about another query AOS Technologies received regarding a high-speed camera. Per Boehler, this second query was suspiciously similar to the earlier query (reftels), in terms of the equipment being sought.

[1](#)2. (S) The details of this query, as provided to acting POLE counselor by Boehler follow:

(BEGIN QUERY TEXT)

High Speed Colour Camera X-EMA-SDI/10.4 GB
Complete with:
- Zoom Lens 55-200mm
F4-5.6 with F-Mount adapter
- Additional Internal Battery

Kindly send us your offer for the above item on CFR Amman basis together with your offer for the training of three of three technicians from the manufacturer on the Camera for three days at your facility.

Thanks and best regards,
Rami Fakhouri
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(END QUERY TEXT)

[1](#)3. (S) Boehler said that SECO has informed AOS Technologies that SECO would deny an export request pursuant to the query in para 2, and that AOS Technologies agrees and is not pursuing the sale. Absent a formal denial, SECO does not plan to inform other MTCR members of this approach, but

wanted the USG to be aware of this information, since it could indicate that Syria is attempting to obtain high-speed camera equipment via Jordan.

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